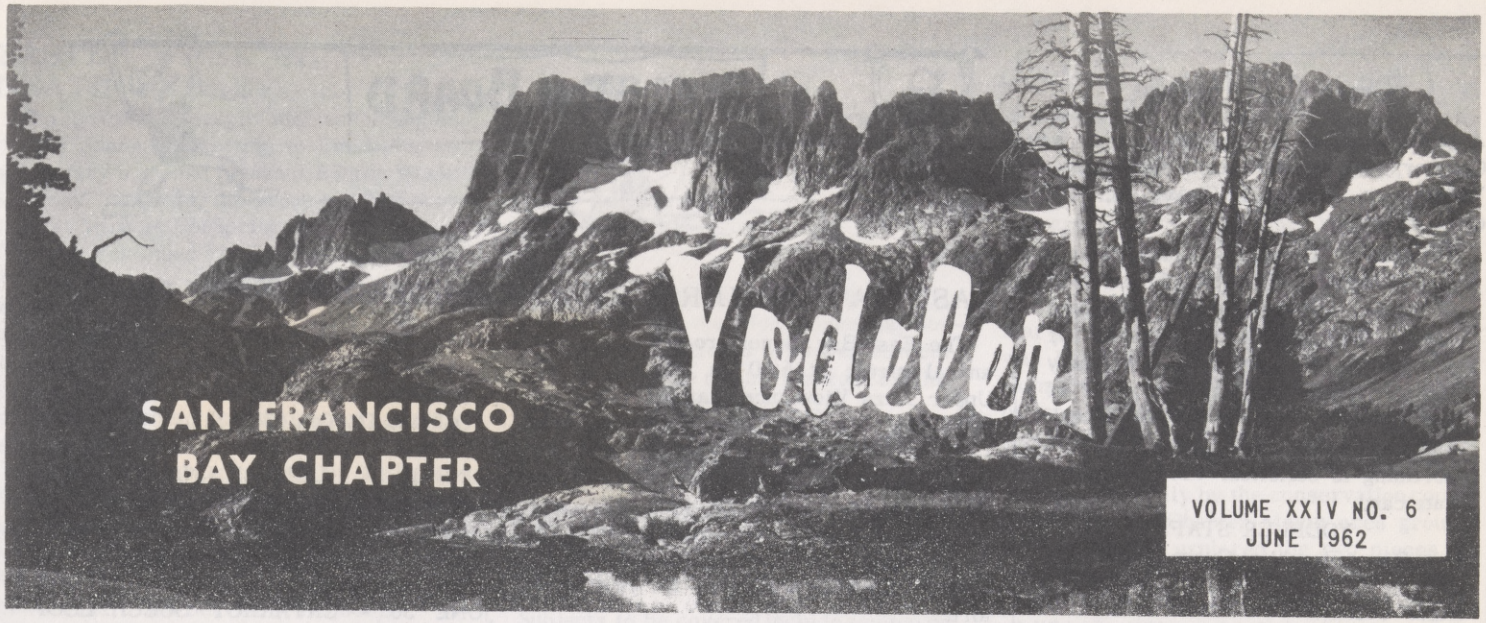

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TRANS-SIERRA SKI TOUR

On March 10 of this year, six rock climbers (turned ski tourers) started a trip below Twin Lakes (out of Bridgeport) that was to end one outstanding week later in Yosemite Valley.

During the seven days, we experienced storm and sun, powder snow and ice, snow and (at the end) rain, but most of all, the exhilarating beauty that is the Sierra in winter. The trip started in a wet, driving snowstorm, and ended in a quiet drizzle. In between, the sky was a cloudless summer blue.

Some new mountaineering terms were devised along the way:

"Turner Cord" is an avalanche cord, but many, many times the normal length. Anyone following this cord (we had only one along) arrived in camp at least an hour behind everyone else.

"Turner Traverse" was the name given our route as planned, and follows a contour across 80° slopes, under dangerous cornices, through forest thickets and even under a waterfall, if necessary, without ever losing or gaining a single unnecessary foot of elevation.

The crew—George Bloom, Bob Clune, Jack Davis, Norm Turner, Carl Weisner and the author—was the first in ski mountaineering annals to be without a single air mattress—only lighter, warmer, but slightly bulkier foam mattresses were used.

The trip started shortly after noon below Twin Lakes. After receiving the good wishes of our chauffeur deluxe, Larry Williams, and a few all-year residents at the lakes (who privately questioned our sanity)

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BACK COUNTRY CLEAN-UP

Commenting on last summer's S.C. Clean-Up Work Party, L.A. Herald Express called for a mountain clean camp law to be "stiffly enforced...as is done to highway litterbugs". The editor of the S.F. Chronicle seconded this, but believed "the education of the careless camper might prove more effective".

A law would have dynamic educational effect by codifying back country trash disposal practice and by informing campers in a simple direct way about proper and consistent methods.

But if a program is to work, campers themselves must cooperate. On our vacation trips into the mountains, let's help to keep the wilderness wild by 1) Carrying out unburnable containers; 2) Burn cans and foil, flatten and place in litter bag to be carried out; 3) Place remains in road-end garbage can.

Your good example will encourage others to be more careful.

—Fred Eissler
Anti-Litter Chairman

CONSERVATION NOTES

On Tamalpais, the State has just bought the Charles Heims property. This is a frontage strip on the west side of Panoramic Highway from about opposite the Alpine Club south to the small new house just built at the entrance to the Tourist Club. This insures that the view over Muir Woods from the highway will not be lost through building.

Not such good news is the proposed sale of the Roy Scott property, described to us as 15 acres, 82 lots, in the angle of Panoramic Highway and the road down to Muir Woods, northwest corner of the intersection. A visit today showed it to be a bare and windy knoll on the crest of the ridge with steep slopes and gullies dropping west to the Muir Woods road, where some of the lots would be fairly well protected from the constant wind. The Dipsea Trail runs right

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PARK BONDS - JUNE 5th

California voters have a date with destiny on June 5th. We can build schools, roads, institutions, whenever they are needed but it is now or never for much of the scenic parks the State Park bonds would provide. The Sierra Club has done its part to inform the public. Seventy-five thousand Fact Sheets have been printed and distributed, through members who asked for material to send out.

The bond proceeds will be invested: $95 million for the State Park System. Development in existing and acquired parks will take 15-25% ($24 million). The balance is available for acquisition only—40 percent going to the southern counties, 40 percent to the northern counties and the remainder to be expended anywhere in the state.

The sum of $45 million is for grants to counties for creation of regional parks. $10 million will be divided between the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Division of Small Craft Harbors, one-half to each, for recreational purposes.

A tremendous increase in attendance at state parks, beaches and monuments (27.5 million in 1960) has caused seriously overcrowded areas, lack of sufficient camping spaces and picnic spots. And 4 million more campers were turned away.

Recreation areas are important to us and must be acquired now. More and more areas are becoming private property from which the public is excluded.

Remember both State Park, and Contra Costa County Park, Bonds on June 5th.

—C.M.C.

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through the property, crossing Panoramic here and going down steps to Muir Woods Road. The Sun Trail also contours through it around the hillside from the intersection to the Tourist Club above Muir Woods. Hikers were on both trails today, with sunshine, flowers and running springs to make

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YODELER NIGHT -- JUNE 18

WE NEED PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON THE YODELER -- SOME TYPING, SOME COUNTING LINES AND PUTTING TOGETHER. ANYONE WHO WILL HELP WILL BE WELCOMED. PLEASE CALL BETTY FRANKLIN AT GR 4-1825 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WANT FURTHER INFORMATION.

VOLUNTEERS SAVE THE DAY

Almost 60,000 State Park Bond fact sheets went out of the office between Friday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 16.

Without the volunteers who so generously helped me, I would still be struggling in a sea of paper. Most of you already give many hours of time on Club and Chapter work, so your efforts are doubly appreciated.

I hope we can encourage more of our members to help the Club Office with the huge amounts of mailing so often necessary. There is a need, and assistance will be welcome. There is a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction in the work we do for the Club, and I'd like to share more of the pleasures I've been enjoying. I'm sure all of the Office Staff feels the same way.

—Hasse Bunnelle

WANTED: Double mummy sleeping bag, also rucksack, medium size. BE 5-8552.

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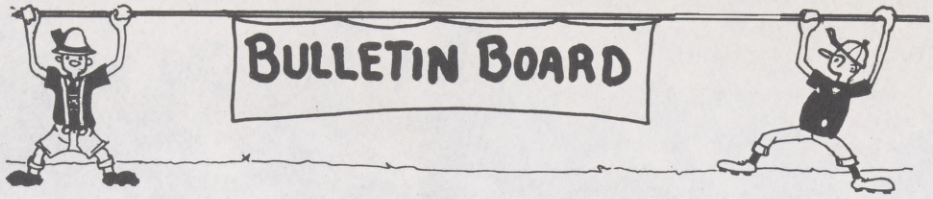

EAST BAY DINNERS

The East Bay Dinner group will have its annual picnic at 6:30 on June 13, at the Upper Anza View picnic area, behind the Brazilian Room in Tilden Regional Park.

A spaghetti dinner will be provided by a catering service. A short after-dinner walk will be followed by a campfire and singing. Last year our picnic brought the hottest day of the season, but some years we have shivered adequately for your comfort.

For reservations and transportation call Edna Laumann by 10 p.m. June 11.

Price $1.25.

HUTCHISON LODGE WORK PARTIES

Work parties to repair the ravages of winter and prepare Hutchinson Lodge for next year will be held the weekends of June 23, July 7, July 21 and August 18. Volunteers will receive food, lodging at Clair Tappaan, transportation allowance, and prioity towards a reservation next year. Working hours of 9:00 to 3:30 will permit time for hiking, swimming, etc.

Bring sleeping bag and work gloves. Please notify the Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden, that you are coming.

WEST POINT HOSTESS SCHEDULE

June 2-3	Wanda Goody	SK 1-4295
June 9-10	Louis & Lupe Rioseco	WA 1-2898
June 16-17	Frank and Portia Bradley	GR 4-2500
June 23-24	Ronald & Estelle Berkheimer	TH 8-8384
June 30-July 1	Avis Burchard	WE 1-0739

JOHN THOMAS HOWELL TO ADDRESS S.F. GROUP

"Wildflowers of the Western National Parks" — a talk with masterful color slide illustrations — will be presented on Thursday, June 28, by one of the West's acknowledged authorities on botany, John Thomas Howell, Curator, California Academy of Sciences, at the monthly Dinner Meeting, Golden Gate Yacht Club.

Social Hour: 6-7 p.m.
Dinner: 7 p.m. - $2.00
Limit 150 people. Reservations required. Please call Dell Dawson, PR 5-6742 or Pat Clark, WE 1-0190, before 9 p.m., June 26.

SCHEDULE SUPPLEMENT

JUNE 2-3 - LEISURE KNAPSACKING - Note change of telephone number for leader: Pat Cone, 269 Taurus Ave., Oakland 11. Tel. 654-3532.

JUNE 16-17 - LEISURE KNAPSACKING - Note change of telephone number for leader: Phyllis Lindley, 269 Taurus Ave., Oakland 11. Tel. 654-3532.

JUNE 30 - CATARACT GULCH LOOP HIKE - Please wear adequate boots, since some cross-country work will be in the offing.

AUGUST 5 - FAIRFAX LOOP - Cancellation of Pat Brakefield as co-leader. Substitution to be named later.

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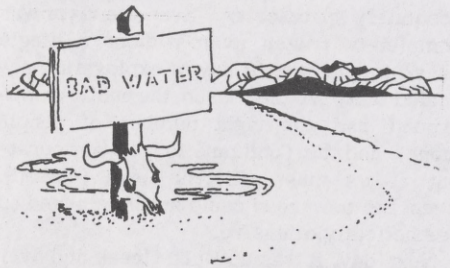
EASTER WEEK IN DEATH VALLEY

The seventeen people who accompanied Harold Sharp on the trip to Death Valley had a very busy and pleasant Easter Week. Saturday, April 14, the group camped over night at Miracle Hot Springs near Kernville. The trip continued via Olancha and Darwin Falls to Furnace Creek where three nights were spent. The new air-conditioned Visitors' Center was appreciated due to the temperature of 105. The Center was dedicated in 1960 and includes a museum, information center, auditorium and administrative offices.

The project was sponsored by the Death Valley '49ers Inc., planned and constructed under the Mission 66 program. It is a joint venture between Borax (Holdings) Limited (90 acres of land), the State ($350,000) and the National Park Service ($425,000).

The group visited Rhyolite, Titus Canyon and Scotty's Castle; Bad Water, the Salt



Pools, Golden Canyon and Artists' Drive; Dante's View and 20 Mule Team Canyon, and Wednesday afternoon the group drove to Thorndyke Campground, a small camp about a mile below Mahogany Flat.

Thursday morning nearly everyone headed up the trail to Telescope Peak. But after two or three miles were forced back due to a stiff gale. Jack Nevraumont was the only one who had the pleasure of signing the register.

On the return trip, one group stopped at Trona to visit the chemical plant, and another camped Friday night at Morro Bay and visited San Simeon State Park on Saturday.

—Mildred Hilkey

Redwood Chapter Outings

Redwood Chapter explored a section of Napa Valley back of Stag's Leap, discovering rare and unusual plants, a site of historical interest, fantastic rock formations, and vistas of sheer beauty.

The group began the hike in the vicinity of Haystack Mountain (shaped exactly like a haystack). Lunch was eaten in a grassy open space marked by a small enclosure of rock, which could have been a foundation for a dwelling, a wall, and a barricade of rock placed on a natural outcropping.

A few of the more active members, instead of munching sandwiches and pondering on the past, practiced rope climbing on a nearby volcanic formation.

After lunch, the hike continued along the

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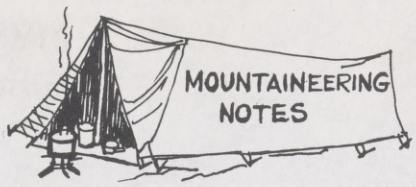

A course in general mountaineering is being planned by the Mountaineering Section, and will be offered to interested members and friends of the Sierra Club late this Fall or early this Winter.

The material will be similar to that covered in the course given by the San Diego Chapter, which recently completed its sixth annual session. Both lectures and field practice will be included, and the course will be finished with a final examination.

Subjects to be covered include equipment, map reading, compass use, mountain weather, mountain travel, rock climbing, mountain first aid, winter travel, snow camping, bivouacking, snow and ice climbing, high altitude physiology, glaciers and other matters important to all who go into the mountains. Instructors will be experts in each field to be covered.

We need to know what night of the week most people can attend. If you are interested, please call Francis Walcott, SK 2-5818; Bill Engs, TH 8-3920; Dave McFadden, GE 5-0348, and let us know when the best time is for you. Remember, the course is designed for all who go to the mountains, not just for those who wish to be expert climbers. More complete details will be announced shortly.

Redwood Chapter (Cont.)

precipitous rock wall known as Stag's Leap, so named because deer chased by hounds to the edge of the cliff often leaped from the heights rather than face their pursuers.

Added to the interesting facets of the hike were wild flowers spreading carpets underfoot, creeks to provide cold drinking water and a balmy Spring day with just enough mist to soften the outlines of the distant mountains, Diablo, Tamalpais and St. Helena.

The following Sunday, Redwood Chapter explored Sonoma Mountain with its gurgling streams and varied boulders. Lavender-hued agate was brought back in many knapsacks.

On the way down from the summit, a tiny fawn was seen huddled, motionless under a tree. A bay tree — "the largest in the world" — was found and measured over 35 feet around the bole. Another tree with racemes of white blossoms and heavenly fragrance was enjoyed, but not identified.

The outing ended with a spaghetti feed — mountains of spaghetti, salad, french bread — and then six kinds of home baked cookies.

—Anita Garrett

Conservation Notes (Cont.)

it a most desirable piece of land. As we know, it is not always so. Building here would mean heavy cuts in the hillside, which would be a most conspicuous intrusion into the green bowl of the Muir Woods, Frank Valley watershed. The State Park Commission directed their staff to make an appraisal of the Scott property. We are informed that the asking price is $80,000, and that it was listed as $15,000 ten years ago. The Commission is planning to begin a number of condemnation suits on lands around Tamalpais State Park in the near future.

Water District Lands are also being watched carefully by the conservation committee of the Chapter Marin area group. Members have explored the two pieces of property mentioned as surplus by the Water District directors, Deer Park and the slopes of White's Hill north of the Meadow Club golf course. Their report will emphasize the recreation as well as scenic value of these sections, especially Deer Park, with its ideal small valley for organization and day camps.

The P.G. & E. atomic plant at Bodega Head will be considered May 21st at a hearing before the Public Utilities Commission. The Sierra Club will be represented by David Pesonen taking the position that the plant is an intrusion on rare scenic and scientific resources. The plant is not considered a hazard to human life by most authorities, but besides the irreparable damage to the scenic headland, the proposed fill for a road in the bay will destroy the habitat and ecology which the University of California wished to study there. On the question of effect of warmish water discharged into the ocean from the plant, dyes have been used with a comparable outflow at that point to show, viewed from the air, that dispersal into the ocean water is very fast.

State Route 1 along the Marin coast to Olema, which is in danger of being turned into a Scenic Highway, four-lane style, by the tender touch of the State Division of Highways, had its day in the spotlight on April 26th, when a meeting at Tamalpais High School discussed pros and cons. As a result, the Marin County Supervisors decided the subject was controversial enough to request the State Division of Highways to hold a formal hearing, date not yet announced.

There is not enough room in this Yodeler for the report on the Delta Recreation Study so that must be left until next month.

—C.M.C.

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A B-I-G BOUQUET . . .

To the Annual Dinner Committee whose trademark was "unstinting cooperation and imaginative ideas". The 572 Sierra Clubbers present at Goodman's Jack London Hall on Saturday, 5 May applauded them; but it is felt that YODELER readers would like to know the members who made this affair the outstanding success that it was:

DISPLAY: Barbara Evans and committee accomplished an artistic display of original paintings, photographs, tapestry, plants and woods. Especially admirable was the logistics of gathering and transporting all goods.

FLORAL DISPLAY: Did Luella Sawyer and Charles Kinsley raid the flower marts for the blooms that decorated some 30-odd tables? Never before has an Annual Dinner so vividly resembled a colorful Italian garden!

PROJECTOR AND SCREEN OVERSEER: Bill Owen competently presided for a flawless performance of Martin Litton's adventure down the Colorado River.

PUBLICITY: Beverly Anderson again demonstrated (as in 1961) her capable and imaginative routes to publicize this event. Her stimulating articles and public appearances assured a sellout crowd!

RECEPTION: Donna Hennessy and her bevy of pretty hostesses charmingly greeted all guests. True was the adage: "a smile is worth 1000 words."

RESERVATIONS: And those "Good" Gooddens! What a job they did on reservations! Completely in control of ticket sales, the basis of the dinner's financial success, they have gathered high praises from everyone.

LASTLY: To the Club Office staff, who eased our job considerably with their help and ideas; and to many others, too numerous to name, who encouraged and inspired us. —Tena Catena, Chairman

MOUNTAIN REGISTERS

People enjoy signing mountain registers. This is one of the reasons why we want to keep Sierra Club registers current and intact. We would like to make sure there are plenty of blank pages in register books. May we ask your help?

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Trans-Sierra Ski Tour (Continued from page 1)

we went to our first night's camp just above Horse Creek Falls.

Next day, a breaking storm, but continuing strong winds accompanied us on the 3,500 foot climb through the pass to Spiller Creek. A night on Spiller Creek, followed by a beautiful day, took us to Cold Canyon—by Turner Traverse, of course. The following day, another Traverse (by Turner) brought us to Tuolumne Meadows and the McCauley cabin where a mice-, bear- and people-proof barrel of food (and liquid refreshment) had been cached the previous October. Chisel, hammer and hacksaw made short (?) work of the barrel.

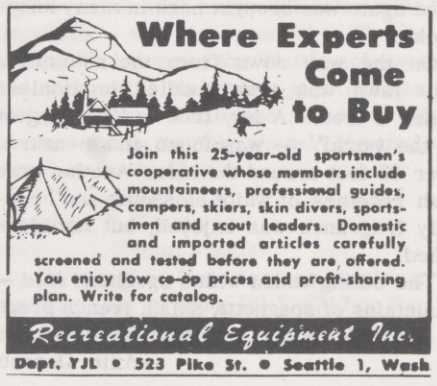
Eight feet of snow on the ground, and five feet on the roof of the cabin and adjacent Parsons Lodge, coupled with lack of any evidence of civilization in the meadows, made normally beautiful Tuolumne Meadows absolutely spectacular. Even the river was completely frozen over without a single break in the ice. A day of exploration revealed that, for the season, the public campground had the right number of people (none), and the Tuolumne lodge was operating at its most efficient level (closed). Even the new road could not be classed as aesthetically offensive.

Next day, it was up Budd Creek and over the pass between familiar Cathedral and Echo Peaks, and then along the Sunrise Trail with the spectacular Matthes Crest in constant view. Camp with a huge bonfire was just above Sunrise Creek.

The trip to the valley the following day was made in a light snowfall, following the hikers' trail alongside Nevada Falls (where we fanny-glisaded) and Vernal Falls. The Mist Trail supplied us with a beautiful sight and considerable fun. The trail, cut out of the rock, was covered with ice at the top and two feet of snow lower down. Negotiating this with pack on back and skis on shoulder was interesting, but without mishap. As for the beauty—picture a heavy snow with big flakes coming straight down, blue ice covering sheer rock walls and huge clusters of icicles hanging 20-25 feet down from the overhang over the trail, green ice covering the rocks at the base of Vernal Falls. The soft light of late afternoon made the sight one long to be remembered—despite the three mile hike in the rain from Happy Isles to Yosemite Lodge.

Next year? We're already making plans!

—Ned Robinson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